Supply of drinking water in Uttar Pradesh villages

1734. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages in Uttar Pradesh which have not been provided with drinking water facility as on June, 1986;

(b) the number of villages of Uttar Pradesh provided with drinking water facility during the last three years; and

(c) the details of steps taken by Government to provide drinking water to the remaining villages?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAMANAND YADAV): (a) In Uttar Pradesh out of the 28505 un-covered problem villages identified at the beginning of the Sixth Plan and 42578 problem villages identified subsequently, 38313 villages have been reported as either fully or partially covered upto June, 1986. Thus at the end of June, 1986, 32770 problem villages remained to be provided with drinking water facilities.

(b) The position regarding the number of villages provided with drinking water facilities either fully or partially covered during the last three years is reported as under:

1983-84	11554
1984-85	8188
1985-86	8827

(c) The formulation and implementation of rural water supply schemes is the responsibility of the State Governments. The Central Government supplements the efforts of the States by providing financial assistance under the Centrally Sponsored Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP). In 1985-86, a sum of Rs. 46 crores was given to Uttar Pradesh under ARWSP. In the curent year there is an allocation of Rs. 46.15 crores of which Rs. 23.07 crores had already been released to the State. In 1986-87 Uttar Pradesh's target for providing drinking water facilities is 5515 villages. Upto Septmber, 1986, the State had reported a coverage of 4310 villages.

The district of Mirzapur in Uttar Pradesh has been included in the first phase of programme under the Technology Mission for Drinking Water in villages and Related Water Management in 1986-87.

Production of steel

1735. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) what was the target fixed for the different public sector steel plants during the last three years, yearwise and plant-wise;

(b) the requirement of steel in the country during the same period, yearwise;

(c) the actual quantity of steel produced during the last three years, yearwise and plant-wise; and

(d) the total imports of steel made during the same period, yearwise?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) and (c) The targets fixed and the actual production of saleable steel at the integrated steel plants of SAIL during the years 1983-84 to 1985-86 are indicated below: